



Commanding Officer Capt. Mike Ford

USS Bunker Hill (CG 52)

Captain Mike Ford was born in Sioux City, IA and graduated in 1982 from Cornell College with a B.A. in Chemistry. Prior to entering the Navy, he worked as a High School and University Chemistry instructor and coach. CAPT Ford was commissioned in 1986 via Officer Candidate School and the Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program. He holds a Master of Science in Engineering (Engineering Management) degree from The Catholic University of America.

CAPT Ford currently serves as the Commanding Officer of USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52), acting as the Air Defense Commander for Carrier Strike Group One. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Chief of the Requirements Management Division on the Joint Staff, J8 Directorate. His prior shore assignments include tours as a Junior Board Member on the CINCLANTFLT Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, Force Structure and Operations Analyst on the OPNAV Staff (N81) and Flag Aide/Speechwriter to the DCNO for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments (N8). From 2002-2004, he served as Deputy N8 (Requirements) on the COMNAVSURFPAC Staff and founded the Innovation and Readiness Directorate (N40) for the Surface Force Type Commander.

CAPT Ford's prior shipboard assignments include tours in USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), USS BRISCOE (DD 977), USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) and USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62), where he served as Executive Officer. He served as Commanding Officer of USS MUSTIN (DDG 89) from 2004-2006 and deployed to C7F and C5F as part of the CARL VINSON Carrier Strike Group in 2005, serving as Air Defense Commander for the Strike Group while operating in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his Command tour, MUSTIN twice earned the Navy Battle Efficiency Award, all Departmental Awards, the Golden Anchor, and was awarded the Unit Tactics Award for 2005. After Command of MUSTIN, CAPT Ford served for two years as Reactor Officer in USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), helping lead NIMITZ to the 2007 Battle Efficiency Award and a Meritorious Unit Commendation while executing deployments in both 2007 and 2008.

CAPT Ford holds subspecialties in Nuclear Engineering and Operations Analysis. His awards include the Joint Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), and various unit awards.